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Naples	50	34	14	
Leghorn	50	34	14	
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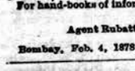
No. 2, Hummum Street.

Bombay, Feb. 4, 1878.



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EWART, LATHAM & Co.,
Agents s. s. European.

Bombay, 14th June 1878.

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Bombay, 12th June 1878.

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THE following or other Steamers will be despatched for EUROPE :—

Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	1878.
— MONGOLIA	2833	530	A. Coleman	21st June.
(a) MIRZAPORE ..	3763	6'0	A. Parish	28th do.
— SUMATRA.	2488	450	C. Anderson ...	5th July.
(a) PESHAWUR ..	3781	600	C. A. White	12th do.
— KRIVA	2809	450	G. Lee.....	19th do.
(a) CATHAY	2985	450	R. T. Dundas...	26th do.

Passengers are booked to ADEN, SUEZ, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON by every Mail. The Steamers marked (a) proceeds direct to Southampton. By the others Passengers change vessels at Suez, and those for Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, and Marseilles are conveyed by Rail from Suez to Alexandria.

A Launch leaves the Company's Dock Head, Mazagon, at 3 p.m. on the day of sailing.

For Passage &c., apply to

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Bombay, 17th June 1878.

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Bombay, 17th June 1878.

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SIAM	3026	500	G. W. Hector...

21st June. 10th July.

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Bombay, 17th June 1878.

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„	„	„	75
Three	„	„	100
Seven	„	„	150
Two	„	„	175
Six	„	„	200
Two	„	„	225

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STEAMER AMBOTO will leave this for RANGOON and MOULMEIN on or about MONDAY, the 24th June.

For Freight apply to

MIRZAMUL SHEWBUX.
Chokshee Bazaar, out of Fort.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Italian Mail Steamer ASSIRIA, Captain BOSELLI, ARRIVED in harbour on the 19th instant, are hereby requested to SEND BILLS of LADING for counter-signature, and PAY FREIGHT (if any) and apply for DELIVERY ORDERS at the Company's Office, No. 2, Hummum Street, without delay.

All claims for short delivery, &c. must be sent in before the departure of the steamer, otherwise they will not be admitted under any circumstances.

F. MURAGLIA,
DARASHAW SORABJEE,
Acting Agents, Rubattino S. N. Company.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Ship SYDNEY EGGERS, E. DAVISON, Master, from LONDON are requested to PAY FREIGHT and SEND BILLS of LADING to the undersigned for counter-signature, as also to SEND OFF BOATS for their GOODS as they come to hand.

In cases where Boats are not sent the Goods will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

EDWARD BATES & Co.,
Agents for Captain and Owners.

Bombay, 19th June 1878.

PRESS READER (SECOND) WANTED.
Apply personally to the Manager of this paper.

A MEETING will be held at the SAILORS' HOME, on FRIDAY, June 21st, at 9 p.m., to DISCUSS the QUESTION of DEGRADING OFFICERS. All taking an interest in the welfare of the MERCANTILE MARINE are requested to attend.

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.
(No. 16.)
CEYLON—EAST COAST.
LIGHT AT BATTICALOA.

THE MASTER ATTENDANT, COLOMBO, has given notice that a BRIGHT LIGHT is now EXHIBITED EVERY NIGHT, from sunset to sunrise, at an elevation of 50 feet above the sea, on the FLAGSTAFF near the MOUTH of BATTICALOA LAKE, East Coast of Ceylon, and that it will be exhibited hereafter, until further notice, from the 15th February to the 31st October, the time during which the port is open.

Position : Latitude 7° 43' 50" N., Longitude 81° 41' 20" E (Appox).

By Direction of the Government of India,
A. DUNDAS TAYLOR, Comdr. (late I. N.),
Superintendent, Marine Survey of India.

Marine Survey Department, Calcutta, 7th June 1878.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts :—Ceylon, East Coast, Bingane River to Pedro Point, with plan of Batticaloa Road, No. 2031 ; Cape Comorin to Coconada, No. 228 ; Bay of Bengal, Western Sheet, No. 70a ; Indian Ocean, Sheet 2, northern portion, No. 748b ; and Indian Marine Survey Charts, No. 15b : also, Admiralty List of Lights in South Africa, India, &c., page 13 ; Indian Marine Survey Light List, page 26 ; and Taylor's Sailing Directory, Vol 1, page 442.

If this Notice is received on boardship, the substance of it should be inserted on the Charts affected by it, and introduced into the Sailing Directions to which it relates.

[The substance of this Notice, as soon as it is received on board, is to be inserted in red ink on the Charts affected by it : and introduced into the margin, or otherwise in the page, of the Sailing Directions to which it relates. *See* Instructions, Navigation and Pilotage, p. 172.]

NOTICE TO MARINERS.
[No. 49.]
INDIA.
CEYLON—SOUTH-EAST COAST.

(1) FLASHING LIGHT AND FOG SIGNAL ON LITTLE BASSAS ROCKS.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 12, of 25th January 1878 (1), on the intended establishment of a light and fog signal at a lighthouse then nearly completed on Little Bassas rocks :—

Further information has been received, that on 25th March 1878, the light was exhibited.

The light is a *flashing* white light, showing *two flashes* in quick succession *every minute*, elevated 110 feet above the sea, and should be visible in clear weather from a distance of about 16 miles.

Also, that during thick and foggy weather, a bell will be sounded twice in quick succession *every half minute*

(2) ALTERATION IN GREAT BASSAS ROCKS FOG SIGNAL.

Also, with reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 12, of 25th January 1878 (2), on the intended alteration in the fog signal at Great Bassas rocks :—

That, on 25th March 1878, the following alteration was made, viz :—

During thick and foggy weather, the bell will be sounded once every fifteen seconds, instead of every seven seconds as previously.

NOTE.—Great and Little Bassas lighthouses may be distinguished in day time by the following distinctive feature :—The lantern of Great Bassas lighthouse has a conical roof and one gallery at the top of the tower. The lantern of Little Bassas lighthouse has a domed roof and two galleries at the top of the tower.

By Command of their Lordships,
FREDK. J. EVANS,
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 14th April 1878.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts :—Bengal bay, No. 7 c ; Ceylon island, southern part, No. 813 ; Cape Comorin to Coconada, No. 228 ; and Ceylon, S. E. Coast, &c., No. 2,815 : Also Admiralty List of Lights in South Africa, Ceylon &c., 1870, Nos. 66 and 67.

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Malleson's History of the Indian Mutiny, 1857-58, Vol. I	12	8
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Erema, or my Father's Sin ; by R. D. Blackmore	3	12
How to Learn Russian, a Manual for Students of Russian ; by W. R. S. Ralston	7	8
Nicholson's Manual of Zoology for the use of Students, New Edition, 1878	8	12
George Moore, Merchant and Philanthropist ; by Samuel Smiles, with a Portrait	10	0
On the Theory of Logic, an Essay ; by C. Read	3	12
Whitney's Compendious German and English Dictionary	3	4
The Works of Alfred Tennyson, complete in 1 vol	5	12
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Linley Rockford, a Novel	3	12
Beazley's Tables of Curves	2	4
Constantinople ; by Esmonds De Amicis.	6	12
Kelley's Philosophy of Existence	10	0
Handbook of Gold and Silver	8	0
A Week at the Lakes	4	12
Monahan's Method of Law	3	12
Fawcett's Free Trade Protection	4	12
Haug's Essays on the Parsees	10	0
Heath's Fern Paradise	8	0
Martin's Life of Prince Consort, 3 Vols	40	0
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Prices are as follows (numbers according to T. & Co.'s Illustrated Catalogue) :—

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13	Single Greek Key, cut dead, lines and hollows bright	„	„		150 „	72
10	Stars, Cut and Engraved	„	„		161 „	72
12a	Fluted sides, eight or nine flutes	„	„		198 „	88

Seven other patterns of the elegantly engraved or etched Glass, always on view.

N. B.—Single articles of the above Services can be supplied, or sets altered to suit the convenience of intending purchasers.

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Circular Dish, with vase arising from centre, height from 12 to 21 inches	Rs.	4 to 10
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Exhibition Flower Stands, Circular glass dish with glass red and tray at top, height from 13 to 25 inches		8 to 20
Fancy Flower Stands, glass dishes, with or without foot, centre vase with branch vases, etc., etc		25 to 40
Mirror Plateau Flower Stands, mirror base, vase in centre, with glass leaves, etc., ...from		40 to 80
Flower Baskets, plain and engraved		3 to 15
Flower Tubes plain ...per dozen from		8
Ditto Engraved „ from		10

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Tweed Trousers	Rs. 10	White Moleskin Breeches or Trousers	Rs. 12
Fancy Angola Trousers	„ 12	White Cotton Cord Breeches	„ 12
Do. do. do. Extra quality	„ 15	Drab do. do. do.	„ 12
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FLANNEL SUITS.

Cricketing Flannel Suits	Rs. 25	Shikar Suits	Rs. 13

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White Shirts with Linen Fittings	per dos. Rs.	48	Silk and Wool Shirts	each Rs.	8
Coloured French Cambric	„ „	48	Flannel Sleeping Suits	from 12 to	14
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

In the MATTER of the last WILL and TESTAMENT of HIRJI NATHU, late of Bombay, Hindoo Inhabitant, deceased.

THAKUR DAMODUR SIVANI and [illegible] named applicants.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the above-named applicants, THAKUR DAMODUR SIVANI and THAKUR KANJI SIVANI, the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased, have applied to the High Court of Judicature at Bombay for PROBATE thereof.—Dated this 19th day of June 1878.

CHALK & WALKER,
Applicants' Attorneys.

NOTICE.

JAMES KERR, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that ALL PERSONS being CREDITORS of, or otherwise having any claims upon or against the ESTATE of JAMES KERR, late of Bombay, Engineer, European Inhabitant, PROBATE of whose Will was GRANTED on the 11th June 1878 by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay to Messrs. HENRY EDWIN LAMBORN and DUNCAN BLACK, both of Bombay, the Executors thereof, are required, on or before SATURDAY, the 20th day of July, to SEND to the said Executors at the office of the undersigned the PARTICULARS of their CLAIMS upon or against the Estate of the said deceased ; and that at the expiration of such time the Executors will DISTRIBUTE the ASSETS of the said deceased to the Legatees named in the said Will, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice. ALL PERSONS INDEBTED to the deceased's Estate, or having property of his in their hands, are hereby required to pay their debts or hand over such property to the said Executors.—Dated this 19th day of June 1878.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 19TH JUNE 1878.

THE political advices received to-day are by no means of a reassuring character, and if there was any business of importance doing here, the effect would probably be more distinctly marked. As it is, the season being practically closed, the result is only to increase the already decided dulness.

The commercial advices from Home of yesterday's date are the reverse of exciting, very few changes of any kind being apparent. Consols are still quoted at 95¼; French Rentes at 112⅛; Enfaced Rupee Paper is unchanged. The London General Produce Markets are unaltered, and Reuter says that Wheat and Seeds are as last quoted.

Respecting the Manchester Piece Goods Market, Reuter reports that the tone is firm, but that the higher prices asked seriously check business. The position is not difficult to understand. On the one hand there has been a large decrease in the production during the past six weeks, while the Eastern markets on the other hand have continued so depressed that buyers have had no inducement to operate.

Cotton in Liverpool yesterday closed quiet, the sales only reaching 8,000 bales, of which 800 were Surats. Spot prices are all unchanged, and it is evident that we are in for at least a short period of quieter markets. The collapse of the Lancashire strike is undoubtedly a favourable feature, but against this we have to take into account the still unsettled state of European politics, and the promising accounts of the growing crop in America. Reuter says that the monthly report of the Washington Agricultural Bureau gives the condition of the crop as improved, the average of 10 States 99 per cent., and the season as 10 days earlier, while there are few insects. The corresponding report of last year placed the condition of the crop at 9·1 per cent. below an average, and the report now published may accordingly be expected to foster estimates of 5 million bales at least.

Yesterday's New York telegrams quote ready Mid. Uplands still at 11¼ cents, but September shipment has declined from 11⅛ to 11 5-16 cents. per lb. The receipts at the ports to date are as follows :—

	1878.	1877.	1876
Tuesday's Receipts.....	1,000	1,900	1,800
Four days' do.	4,000	4,200	6,000
Total since 1st Sept	4,179,000	3,904,000	4,046,100

At the London Australian Wool Sales which opened yesterday, the lots offered were chiefly greasy qualities; Medium to good Medium qualities ½d. to 1d. scoured 1d. per lb. higher. Reuter now quotes Bar Silver in London at 53⅛d. per oz., confirming the private advices which we gave yesterday.

Sterling Exchange this morning opened at yesterday's quotations, but it was soon apparent that there were more buyes than sellers in the market, and rates ultimately gave way fully 3⅛d. per Rupee. Some business was done in Bank Bills in the morning before the decline was established, but otherwise the transactions have been limited, and operators now await the allotments of Council Drafts, which, as usual, will decide the tone of the market up to the close of the Mail. We quote :—

Bank Bills, on demand .....ls. 8 13-32d.		per Re
Do. 6 months' sight..ls. 8¾d.		,,
Credits, 3 ,, ...ls. 8⅞ to 21-32d.		,,
Documents, 3 ,, ...ls. 8⅞ 11-16d.		,,

On Calcutta we still quote demand drafts at 1-16 per cent. premium; 60 days' sight at ⅛ per cent. discount.

Government Paper continues weak and declining, buyers having apparently quite withdrawn for the time being. Fours we quote at Rs. 94; Fours-and-a-half at Rs. 94½; Fives-and-a-half at Rs. 104.

In the Share Market business has not been brisk. Bank's, Land and Press Companies are all unchanged, but Spinning and Weaving sharesare firmer in some cases, although it is difficult to say why, as the conclusion of the Lancashire strike and the absence of rain here are both adverse influences.

Cotton is decidedly quieter, and the partial decline of yesterday of Re. 1 to Rs. 2 per candy is now fully confirmed. The receipts are still comparatively large, yesterday's figures being 7,363 bales, but exporters are daily contracting their operations, and we cannot look for much being done after the end of this week.

Seeds are unchanged, Linseed at Rs. 6-8 to Rs. 6-10, Guzerat Rapeseed at Rs. 7-10 to Rs. 7-12 per cwt.

In Freights there is no special change to notice. For Liverpool by steam we still quote 17s. 6d., and by sailing ships 15s. to 17s. 6d. per ton. For London a large wooden sailing ship is reported to have been fixed at 17s. 6d. with concessions. By steamer to Venice and Trieste 27s. 6d. is the quotation, and for Genoa 22s. 6d. per ton payable here.

Piece Goods cannot be said to have altered in any way. The absence of rain makes buyers extremely cautious about going on, whilst sellers are still firm and indisposed to make concessions.

Coals have undergone no change, and no fresh sales have transpired.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Bank	No. of Shares.	Nomi. Value p. sh.	Paid up.	Last Dividend.	Cash. Rates per Share.
		Rs.	Rs.	p. a.	
Agra Bank	100,000	100	all	5 p. ct	135
Bank of Bengal	40,000	500	all	6 do.	700
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	all	5 p. ct	725
Bank of Madras	60,000	250	all	10 do.	289
Nationa' Bank of India.	37,320	£25 £12·10	6 do.		109

LAND COMPANIES.

Colaba Land Co. (New).	2,948	2,000	all	20 p.c	805
Byrce Land and Pier Co. Limited	7,500	150	all	4 p. s	100
Mazagon Land	1,750	2,000	all	20 p. s.	900
Fort Canning Land Company, Limited.....	5,000	1,400	all	13 p.s.	235

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock.....	..	£20 218 2·0	p. c.		293
Do. New £20 Shares....	..	£20 130 14·6	do.		26
Ditto	..	£20 65 7 3	do.		72
Ditto	..	£20 21 13·2	do.		52
B. B. and C. I. Ry. Co.	..	£100 1,09	do.		1,100
Do, New Shares. ..	..	£18 196·2·15	do.		245

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

Albert Mills	600	2,000	1,700	..		725
Alexandra S. and W. Co.	750	1,250	all	25 p.s.		1,150
Alfred Mills Co.....	250	1,000	1,000	50 p.s.		1,080
Alliance Spinning.....	500	2,500	all	55 p. s.	2,000	xd.
Anglo-Indian S. and W. Company	80,000	100	100	..		85
Ahownuggar M. and F. Company	300	2,000	..	40 p.s.		1,150
Bombay United	900	1,000	all	35 p.s*		1,015
Bombay Hemp and Jute Mill (Anonyma)	2,000	200	all	15 p. s		220
Broach Mills	1,800	150	all	10 p. s		62½
Colaba S. and W. Co. ..	900	1,000	all	40 p. s		990
Chorla S. and W. Co..	1,000	1,000	all	40 p. s		865
Central India S. and W. Company	2,500	500	450	..		640
Dharumsey Spinning	3,000	2,000	all	35 p.s*		525
Fleming S. and W. Co..	1,500	1,250	all	40 p.s*	1,250	xd.
Great Eastern.....	1,400	1,000	all	35 p.s*		1,150
Hindustan S. & W. Co..	875	1,000	all	35 p.s.		975
Hydrabad S. and W. Co	700	1,000	1,000	..		840
Jeevraj Balloo Mills	750	1,000	all	35 p.s*		930
Khandesh Spinning	750	1,000	all	50 p.s*		925
K. Mucoonjee S. & W. Co.	1,000	1,000	all	45 p.s*		840
Madras Spinning	300	1,250	all	Nil		750
Madras U. Spinning....	435	1,000	all	70 p.s*		1,249
Manchester & Bombay S. and W. Co.	30,000	50	50	..		37
Mandvie S. and W. Co...	500	1,000	all	25p.s*		315
Manockjee Petit's.....	2,500	1,000	all	50p.s*		1,290
Morarjee Spinning	1,043	1,000	all	40 p.s*		1,220
Mazagon S. and W. Co.	2,000	5,000	..	..		270
Nathoomal S. and W. Co. of India.....	950	1,000	all	35 p.		900
Neriad S. and W. Co....	400	1,000	all	..		600
Nicol Press Manufacturing Co., Ld.....	600	2,000	all	..		650
Nursey S. and W. Co....	2,500	400	all	20 p.s*		365
Oriental	3,000	625	all	30 p.s*		745
Prince of Wales Spinning	600	1,250	all	75		1,075
Sassoon S. & W. Co.....	1,500	1,000	all	30 p.s.		835 xd.
Soondersee Spinning....	660	1,000	all	75 p.s.		745
Do do. ½ Share.	600	1,000	250	125 p.s.		205
Sholapore S. and W. Co.	500	1,000	all	..		990
Victoria Mills	570	1,000	all	25 p. s.		719

*For Share for the half-year.

PRESS COMPANIES.

Akbar Cotton Press Co..	150	5,000	3,850	150 p.s.		1,200
Abert Co., Kurrachee..	900	2,000	1,100	125 do		965
Albert Ginning Co.....	700	500	all	18 p.c.		650
Apollo Press Co.....	1,000	1,250	all	14 do		600
Bellary	175	1,000	all	60		72½
Berar Company (New)..	155	500	all	45 p.s		485
Indian Press Co.....	1,000	250	all	14 do		240
Broach Cotton Co.....	400	250	all	10 do		73
Carwar Co	1,000	1,500	all	75 do		600
Colaba Press Co.....	1,000	1,250	all	50 do		950
Dhollera P. and G. Co.	500	300	all	15 do		220
East India Press Co..	333	1,000	all	100 do		925
Fort Press Co	50	9,500	250	50 do		1,300
French Press Co.....	300	500	all	40 do		375
Imperial Press Co.....	1,150	..	1,400	100 do		305
Mofussil Press and Ginning Co.....	1,125	400	350	40 do		335
Prince of W. Press	120	..	1,500	250 do		350
Sassoon's Press Co.....	600	500	all	75 do		350
Scinde Press Co	400	500	750	60 do		495
Scinde & Punjaub Cotton Press Co., Ld....	100	1,000	925	150 do		1,175
Victoria Cotton Gin and Press Co	150	850	all*	12 p.c.		600
Volkart's United Press Co.....	50	1,000	1,000	75 p.s.		480

*For Share for the half-year

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	1,000	2,500	1,500	167½p.s		1,880
Bombay Gas Company..	50,000	50	all	7½ p. ct		58
Bombay Saw Mills Co..	600	1,000	all	60 p. s.		600
Landing and Shipping Co of Kurrachee, Ld..	500	500	300	35 p. s.		310
Malabar Company, Ld.	1,150	200	100	7½ p. ct		30
Mechanical Saddlege Co.	1,000	500	all	p. s.		19
Treacher and Co.....	2,000	500	all	62½ p.s.		605 xd.
Vinyas Patent Slip Co.	2,000	250	all	6 p. ct		30

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE, AND LISTS OF PASSENGERS BY SEA.

THE SHIP VARUNA, 1,276 tons, Captain T. V. Rowe, arrived in harbour yesterday from Beypore, 31st May, in ballast. The vessel is consigned to the Captain.

THE SHIP CULZEAN, 1,572 tons, Captain J. Pirnie, arrived in harbour yesterday from Dundee, 22nd March, with a cargo of 2,167 tons coals. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Finlay, Muir and Co.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s s. s. PUTTIALLA, 494 tons, Captain R. Macaulay, sailed yesterday for Persian Gulf via Kurrachee, with a general cargo and the following passengers :—Mr. J. P. Massaroti, Mr. Cowasjee Dossabhoy, Mr. T. L. Carr, Mr. Ebrahim bin Sullam and three friends, and 79 deck passengers.

ARRIVALS.

June.	Vessels.	Commanders.	From.
19	Culsean.....	Fernie	Dundee, Mar 22.
	Varuna	Rowe	Beypore, May 31.
	Asiria (s).....	Boselli	Genoa, May 14.

DEPARTURES.

June.	Vessels.	Commanders.	Destinations.
19	Royal Hall(s).....	Lloyd.....	Liverpool.
	C. Asiatique	Alexander	——
	Puttalla (s).....	Macaulay	P. Gulf.

The following vessels were entered for loading yesterday :—Steamer Cocomada, to F. Gulf, via Kurrachee.
Steamer Travancore, to London.
Steamer Ambato, to Rangoon, Moulmein, via Malabar Coast.
Ship Reaper, to London.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

June.
14 City of Carthage(s)..Barnet .....Liverpool, May 11.
Cyrene (s). ..... Smith .....Colombo, June 7.
15 Queen Victoria (s)...Sangster .....Colombo, June 8.
Brodick Castle .....Seward .....——, Mar 13.
Star of Devon..... Cooke.....London, Oct 22.

DEPARTURES.

June 15.—Steamers Almora, City of Edinburgh, Rajpootana and Precurseur. Schooner Akbar.

PASSENGERS.

Per City of Carthage.—Mr Jackson, Mr Haywood, Mr Petersen, Mr Peters, and Mr Dick.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

June.
17 Dilharree .... Bypore.

DEPARTURES.

June.
17 Highmoor .... Browse Island.

DAILY IMPORTS.—JUNE 19.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Olympia s—255 bundles sheet iron, Terpal Gopjee.
European s—409 kegs iron rose nails, Noorbhoy Chandabhoy; 80 kegs iron nails flat and 1 cask hardware, Alladin Bharmull.

FROM LONDON.

Bellona s—2 cases ball thread, Abdoolally Dawoodkhan; 1 case hardware, Allana A. Raymon.

FROM TRIESTE.

Memfi s—7 packages medicine, other sorts, Nuthoo Mooljee.

FROM GLASGOW.

Galatea s—50 drums turpentine and 1 case paint, Trybally Surufally and Co; 2 cases ball thead, Abdoolally Dawoodkhan.

FROM BORDEAUX.

Assiria s—25 cases brandy, Dhunjeebhoy Cowasjee.

DAILY EXPORTS.—JUNE 19.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Indiana—100 cwts bones, Kadurbhoy Moomunjee; 3 bales hides, Mena Moosa; 125 bale rags, Nuthoo Soonderjee; 200 bales rags, Bhimsee Nuthoo.
Rajpoot—200 cwts bones, Woomerbhoy Chandabhoy; 169 cwts coir yarn, Ebjee Woomersee; 44 bales cotton, Jairam Dayal; 160 cwts cotton, Stearns, Hobart and Co; 7 bales wool and 15 bales rags, Dawjee Gowanjee.
Stockbridge—77 cwts coir yarn, Ebjee Woomersey.
Olympia—120 cwts coir yarn, Hbanjee Purseotum and Co; 260 cwts horns, Woomerbhoy Chandabhoy; 300 bales cotton, Peel, Cassels and Co; 24 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers; 246 bales cotton, David Sassoon and Co; 121 bales cotton, Killick, Nixon and Co; 205 bales cotton, J C Bushby and Co; 183 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Travancore s—16,500 cwts rapeseed, Finlay, Scott and Co.

FOR GENOA.

Mongolia s—18 bales skins, Khanbhoy Peerbhoy.

FOR TRIESTE.

Monzolia s—100 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers; 500 bales cotton, Peel, Cassels and Co; 250 bales cotton, A Blaschock and Co.
Sumatra s—300 bales cotton, A Blaschock and Co.

FOR CALCUTTA.

Algetha s—12 bales cotton, S L Macnaughten.

FOR HONGKONG.

Surat s—400 bales twist, Nursey Kessowjee and Co; 10 bales twist, Dadabhoy Heerjee; 80 bales twist, E L Moolchund; 27 bales twist, Ahmedbhoy Habibbhoy; 200 bales twist, David Sassoon and Co.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

BOMBAY, 18th June 1878.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah	29·590
Temperature of the Air.....	85·0
Wet Bulb Thermometer.....	81·0
Dew Point	79·7
Relative humidity of Air	·844
Extent of cloudysky (the whole sky clouded= 8).	6·2
Maximum temperature of air (read at 6 p.m).....	89·6
Minimum do. do. (read at 10 a.m....	80·7
General Direction of wind .....S, SE, W, SSE, SSW, SW, WSW, S.	
Movement of wind in 24 hours.....	249
Fall of Rain	0·52
Total fall during the month	0·74
,, ,, year	0·82

HIGH COURT—JUNE 20.

(Before the Honorable SIR CHARLES SARGENT.)

LONG CAUSES.

415-77—Jefferson and Payne—Mahomed Hajee Ally vs The Press S and W Co—Macfarlane and Green.—Part heard.
718-77—Jyabjee and Sayani—Vunmalice Withuldas and another vs Hurjeewan Mohundas and others—Macfarlane, G, Inverarity, H, Muljee and B.
756-77—Shapurjee and T—Kursetjee Rustomjee C and others vs Keesowjee Jadowjee—Craigie, Lynch and G.
43-78—J C Cama—Ambalal vs Tatia Ayiajee—Nanu and H.
268-77—Muljee and B—M B Barbhaya and another vs Moses Reubin P—Balkrishna and B.

EXTRAORDINARY JURISDICTION.

175-77—Macfarlane and G—Ardaseer Hormusjee Wadia vs Anundrao Damothur Sensy—H Bicknell.

(Before the HON. Mr. JUSTICE GREEN.)

For further directions.

555-74—Janardhan and G—Sewjee Kallianjee vs C Dewjee and others—Jefferson and F.

LONG CAUSES.

758-77—Shapurjee and T.—Haridass Waljee vs Dowkawahoo alias Hogbee—Shamrao P.
689-77—Mr Turner—Sudanund Shriorustnajee vs Atmaram Madhowjee—Jefferson and P.
631-77—Jefferson and P—Dhunjee Mowjee and another vs Mahomedally Abdoolally—Lynch and T.
253-77—Mr Fletcher—Syed Yoosb bin, &c vs Ahmed Sulliman and others—Craigie, L and O.
17-78—Prescot and W—Soonabai and another vs Merwanjee C—Muljee and B.
500-77—Craigie, Lynch and O—D M Petit and another vs M F Cama—Ardaser and H.
634-77—Ardaser and H—M F Cama vs D M Petit—Craigie, L and O.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—JUNE 18.

Campbell, Major, 32nd Regt, on duty, from England.
Harris, Lieut, 11th Regt, on leave, from Poona.
Nisbett, Lieut, 60th Rifles, on duty, from Meerut.
Murphy, Surg, from sick leave, from England.

DEPARTURES.—JUNE 19.

Farmer, Surg Major, on sick leave, to England.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDERS.

(*Gazette of India*, June 15.)

The services of Mr R H Anderson, of the Bengal Civil Service, are placed at the disposal of the Chief Commissioner of British Burma.

Mr E D Lockwood is permitted to resign Her Majesty's Bengal Civil Service.

Mr W King, Deputy Superintendent in the Geological Survey, is granted 3 months' privilege leave.

Mr J F Mallet, Assistant of the 2nd grade in the Geological Survey, is granted privilege leave of absence for 2 months and 20 days.

The Governor General in Council is pleased to appoint Captain R G E Dalrymple, Asst Cantonment Magistrate, Morar, to be a Justice of the Peace for the whole of British India.

Captain F A. Wilson, late tutor to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, is graded as a Supernumerary Political Agent of the 3rd class.

Mr J R Gordon, C S I, guardian to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, is appointed to be Chief Commissioner of Mysore and Coorg.

The undermentioned officers are granted furlough to Europe :—Colonel H B Stevens, Bengal Infantry, private affairs, for two years.

Lieut Col B Williams, C I S, R E, Director of State Railways, Central System, private affairs, for eighteen months.

Captain H M M'cknzie, R A, Superintendent Gun Carriage Factory at Fatehgarh, medical certificate, for six months.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr G R Smith, probationary Accountant, 3rd grade, Rajputana State Railway, is confirmed in that grade.

Mr F Hutchinson, Deputy Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Assam, is granted 3 months' privilege leave.

Lieut E Raban, R E, Assistant Engineer, 2nd grade, is appointed to officiate as Deputy Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Assam.

Mr H Vacher, Executive Engineer, 4th grade, temporarily employed on the Dhond and Manmad Railway, is transferred to the Central System of State Railways.

Mr W G Bayly, Deputy Examiner of Public Works Accounts, is promoted to Examiner, 3rd class, 2nd grade (temporary rank).

Mr J Hogan, Assistant Engineer, 2nd grade, temporarily employed on famine relief works in Mysore, is re-transferred to the Military Works Branch.

Mr J A Briggs, Assistant Superintendent Telegraphs, 1st grade, is appointed to officiate as Superintendent, 3rd grade.

The following promotions are ordered in the Railway Branch :—

PERMANENT.

To Superintending Engineer, 2nd grade, Major J G Lindsay, R E, Superintending Engineer, 3rd grade.

To Superintending Engineer, 3rd grade, Mr W H Parker, Executive Engineer, 1st grade (on furlough); Mr R T Mallet, Executive Engineer, 1st grade (temporary Superintending Engineer, 3rd grade); Mr H Lambert, Executive Engineer, 1st grade (temporary Superintending Engineer, 3rd grade).

TEMPORARY.

To Superintending Engineer, 1st grade, Lieut-Colonel Bonus, R E, Superintending Engineer, 2nd grade.

To Superintending Engineer, 2nd grade, Major LeMessurier, R E, Superintending Engineer, 3rd grade; Mr R T Mallet, Executive Engineer, 1st grade (temporary Superintending Engineer, 3rd grade); Mr W H Parker, Superintending Engineer, 3rd grade.

HONORS AND REWARDS.

It is hereby announced that on the recommendation of the Government of India, Her Majesty's Government has been pleased to confer good service pensions on the undermentioned officers, with effect from the date specified :—

1. Colonel Ernest Augustus Belford Travers, Madras Staff Corps, from the 6th February 1878, in room of Major-General W. Vine, Madras Cavalry, succeeded to the Colonel's allowance. The following are Col. Travers' War Services :

Colonel Travers served with the expedition to China, 1842; was present at the capture of Woosung, 16th June; Shanghae, 19th June; was wounded slightly at the escalade and capture of Chinkeang-foo on 21st July 1842. Served in the second Burmese War, 1852-53 as Aide-de-Camp to Major-General Steel, C.B.; was present at the relief of Pegu, 14th December 1852; mentioned in General Godwin's despatch (*vide* Governor General's Order, 4th January 1853), at the affairs of Kulle and Mootsagamoo on the 17th and 18th of the same month; accompanied the Martaban Expeditionary Force to Tonghoo; was present at Gongahand minor affairs; mentioned in despatch (*vide* Governor General's Order, 21st March 1853)—(Medal for China), (Medal for Burmah, with clasp for Pegu).

2. Colonel Andrew Cooke McMaster, Madras Staff Corps, from the 8th February 1878, in room of Colonel F. Mardall, Madras Staff Corps, succeeded to the Colonel's allowance. The following are Col. McMaster's War Services :

Colonel McMaster was employed in the rebellion in Golcondah and Darcondah, in the Golcondah Zemindary in 1847 and in Bengal with the Saugor Field Division from relief of Kirwee till close of the campaign (Medal).

POSTAL NOTICES.

OVERLAND MAIL.

The Overland Mail Steamer of the P. & O. S. N. Company will leave Bombay every FRIDAY, soon after 5 p.m. The following are the hours for closing Mails :—

Letters will be received at the General Post Office up to 3-30 p.m.

Newspapers, Books, and Patterns—up to 1-30 p.m.

Registered Letters—up to 1 p.m.

Registered Letters, if fully prepaid, together with an extra fee of two annas, will be received at the General Post Office between 1 and 2 p.m.

Late Letters, if fully prepaid by means of stamps in respect both of postage and of the late letter fee (two annas each), will be received at the Wellington Pier Post Office from 3-30 to 4-30 p.m.

The latest hour for posting ordinary Overland Covers at the several Branch Post Offices will be 3 p.m., and registered letters at 1 p.m.

Fully prepaid letters will be received on board the Overland Mail Steamer after 3-30 p.m. and up to starting time (5 p.m.) by the payment of an additional fee of four annas. All others will be refused.

POSTAGE BY THE BRINDISI ROUTE.

The Postage rates chargeable on Correspondence forwarded via Brindisi, to the United Kingdom, or Union countries served through the United Kingdom, are as follows :—

For the United Kingdom.

Each Letter per ½ ounce—annas 6.
Each Newspaper per 4 ounces—annas 2.
Each Pattern Packet or Printed Papers, per two ounces, 2½ annas.

Covers not marked for any particular route will, as a general rule, be sent by the route which stands first on the Schedule except where there is quicker despatch by some other route or where the first route may require the compulsory prepayment of a higher rate of postage than has been prepaid or where the amount of postage paid may leave no doubt as to the route intended.

The postage chargeable per ½ oz. on letters sent to the Union countries mentioned below is as follows :—

Germany, Austria, Hungary, Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, Spain, United States of America, France, Greece, Italy, Luxemburg, Norway, Portugal, Roumania, Turkey, Russia, Servia, Sweden, Switzerland ..... As. 6

TO CALCUTTA FROM BOMBAY.

Touching at the several Coast Stations.

Mails to Calcutta, and for the several Coast Stations below Carwar per B. I. S. N. Company's Contract Steamers, are despatched from Bombay every Saturday.

Registered and ordinary Letters, as well as Book and Sample Packets and Parcels, can be posted up to 1 P.M. at the G. P. O. and late fee letters up to 2 P.M. on the day of departure of the Steamer, as above shown.

The latest hour for posting at Branch Post Offices is 10-30 A.M

CALENDAR FOR JUNE, 1878.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Last Quarter..... 23rd, 0h. 6·3m. A.M.

Date.	Remarks.	Sun rises. A.M.	Sun sets. P.M.	High Water.	Low Water.
		H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
Th. 20	Corpus Christi.	5 25	6 37	2 30 m 9 39 a	8 29 m 8 31 a
Fri. 21	.....	5 25	6 38	3 14 m 3 36 a	9 11 m 10 4 a
Sat. 22	.....	5 25	6 38	4 4 m 4 18 a	9 56 m 10 54 a
Sun. 23	1st Sunday after Trinity	5 26	6 38	5 4 m 5 1 a	10 52 m 11 47 a
Mon. 24	St. John the Baptist.	5 26	6 38	6 17 m 6 52 a	11 59 m 0 39 a
Tues. 25	English Mail expected.	5 26	6 38	7 29 m 6 50 a	1 11 a .....
Wed. 26	.....	5 27	6 39	8 37 m 7 51 a	1 36 m 2 24 a

SURGEON DENTIST,
DR. C. F. KHORY,
(LICENTIATE OF DENTAL SURGERY OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND),
No. 23, RAMPART ROW,
Opposite the Floral Fountain.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

EUROPE.

MARRIAGES.

ALEXANDER—HAWKEN—May 22rd, at Saint Nichola Church, Brighton, by the Rev. Denwood Harrison, Robert Alexander, of Saint Pancras, London, to Elizabeth (Lilla) Hawken, of Preston, Brighton.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BOYES—June 12th, at Murree, the wife of Major W. J. Boyes, D. A. A.-Genl., of a son.
COMBE—June 12th, at Rawal Pindi, the wife of Captain Boyce Combe, 10th Royal Hussars, of a son.
FULTON—June 16th, at Bangalore, the wife of Colonel G. A. Fulton, 36th Madras N. I., of a daughter.
MILLS—June 11th, at Nungumbaukum, the wife of J. M. C. Mills, of a daughter.
PRICE—June 1st, at Bangalore, the wife of Captain R. Locke Price, prematurely of a daughter (still-born).

DEATHS.

CARTER—June 13th, at Calcutta, Sarah Elizabeth, relict of the late John Longstaff Carter, of Farnham, Surrey, England, aged 72 years.
HAND—June 10th, at Rae Bareli, of bronchitis, Ernest Reginald, aged 9 months and 25 days, son of Mr. James E. Hand.
JOHNSON—June 10th, at Bangalore, Charles Bayley, youngest son of Lieut-Colonel W. R. Johnson, M. S. C., aged 1 year.
MACONACHIE—June 9th, at Mussoorie, Arthur Bertram, son of Robert and Dora Maconachie, aged 18 months.

All Money Orders, Cheques, and other Remittances, sent to this office should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."

The Bombay Gazette

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1878.

In one of his most amusing essays Mark Twain describes how he was once on board an Atlantic steamer, every one of the crew of which seemed to be to him a captain. He went up to the bo'sn and asked if it would be possible to throw a brick about this fine ship without hitting a captain, and the reply came prompt that it was not, because he might hit the captain of the watch. Bombay seems to be afflicted not with captains, but with fakeers. Apparently no improvement can be attempted in the city without a fakeer or a fakeer's ghost springing up in the way. The inevitable fakeer is here, there, and everywhere. Dressed in spangles he would make an astounding harlequin as to appearance but an admirable one as to ubiquity. The Municipality wants to get the entire charge of the Victoria Gardens, which belongs to it by every legal right, but a fakeer who has squatted down somewhere and built himself, partly for commercial purposes and partly for religious purposes, a shrine or something of that kind, raises his gaunt form and objects, and the baffled but unfortunate Municipality retires before the apparition, which squats again as comfortably as before, and, when it retires itself to a better world, leaves the public property it has annexed as a heritage to some other fakeer. The G. I. P. Railway Company having acquired from Government a large space of ground, wish to build a hand some station upon it, but up jumps a fakeer's ghost and warns them that they had better not or it and its worshippers will be deeply offended. Really some vigorous means must be taken to exorcise the fakeers, other wise we do not see how any large public undertaking here is ever to be brought to a satisfactory end. The Bombay fakeer beats Figaro in his omnipresen abilities, and at present, to a disturbed imagination, it might not seem very improbable that he may yet take a guitar and parade throughout our streets meddling with everybody's business. Poor Sinbad the Sailor, who got the Old Man of the Sea on his back, could scarcely have been more unfortunate than this city saddled as it is with fakeers. Let our readers consider in good time what Bombay would be if it were converted into a Paradise of fakeers. Our finest buildings, our best bungalows, our fairest scenes, would all be in the possession of people remarkable for dirt, un combed and matted hair, and scarcity of clothing. The prospect is decidedly disagreeable. It would be a repetition of the scene

"Where every prospect pleases
And only man is vile."

Speaking seriously, we think it is high time that firm measures were taken with those persons who, under the plea of carrying out the observance of Mahomedan religious performances, are persisting in occupying property to which they have no right. We have every respect for the religions of the native community, but we cannot appreciate these religions being converted into Land Acquisition Acts, and we have an uneasy suspicion that religion has really nothing to do with the matter, and that the insufferable pretensions of the fakeers to make their convenience the paramount consideration in Bombay are promoted by remarkably shrewd men of the world who are anxious to raise their credit with their co-religionists by showing what influence they possess with great English officials. Some of the native members of the Municipality profess the greatest anxiety not to meddle with the fakeer's building which has been illegally injected into the Victoria Gardens, but in doing so they ignore the rights of the whole community. If a Christian missionary, instead of standing out in the open air to propagate his religion, were to build a church on public ground, we can well imagine what a howl there would be, and how quickly the missionary would be compelled to take up his church and walk—perhaps he might even have a bitter suit instituted against him for illegal encroachments. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, and what would be right in the case of a Christian missionary ought to be equally right in that of a Mahomedan fakeer.

The circumstances of the case are clear enough. Through the carelessness of the Municipal authorities a fakeer was allowed several years ago not only to take up his abode in the gardens but to build a mosque there, and the existence of this building was made the excuse for a number of people, more or less reputable, continually parading the grounds. When the encroachment was discovered, of course the Municipality was very indignant, but the Corporation thought it better to make the best of the situation and to compromise with the fakeer. An agreement was accordingly drawn up between the Corporation and the fakeer in which it was stipulated "that in consideration of his being permitted to remain in peaceable and undisturbed possession of the ground on which the tank, mosque, and other buildings are situated, the fakeer should pay the yearly rent of one rupee to the Corporation and enclose the ground with a wall six feet high with a door which was to form the only entrance to the ground and to open upon the main road." If he failed to agree to these singularly lenient terms, he was to be liable to ejectment at any time and could not claim compensation for the buildings he had erected at his own expense. The agreement was never signed by the fakeer, but it was generally understood that Mr. Cummoo Sulliman and Mr. Mahomed Ali Rogay, who were his warm supporters in the Corporation, would see that the stipulations were adhered to. This they have not done, and the mosque and its fakeer, with all their objectionable associations, have been left with free access to the Victoria Gardens, of which they have indeed made a thoroughfare. That this was a most unsatisfactory state of affairs may be gathered from the remark made the other day by Mr. Grant, the Municipal Commissioner, that the fakeer's grounds were a positive nuisance, as Mussulmans of the very lowest class were in the habit of assembling there, having dinners, and behaving in a very disorderly manner. Recently the fakeer died, and his friends actually attempted to bury him in the gardens, where a shrine would probably have been built over him, and pilgrims would be induced to visit it from far and near—which would have given the pleasant walks and the pretty flower beds of our principal public place of recreation a pleasant time of it. The Municipal Commissioner thought the death a good opportunity for asserting the rights of the Municipality; but strange to say, when he brought up the subject before the Town Council and pointed out that not one of the original stipulations regarding the annexed ground had been carried out by the fakeer or his admirers, and that the rights of the Municipality were perfectly clear, several prudent gentlemen deprecated interference on the ground that the feelings of the Mahomedan community might be hurt. Certainly, for one thing, a large number of Mussulmans would be deprived of a pleasant place to celebrate their orgies, and a few might even feel a religious pang or two; but we think that these matters would not have been considered of much account if the fakeer had appropriated any of the private property of the members of the Town Council who supported his proceedings. Some people are wonderfully squeamish about other folks' feelings when their own interests do not happen to be concerned, and we fancy the community must have felt, on reading the

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

(By Red Sea Cable.)

THE CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS.

BERLIN, JUNE 18.

An active interchange of views upon the diffieult points of the San Stefano Treaty is proceeding between the Plenipotentiaries, in order to facilitate their discussion at the Congress.

The strictest secrecy is maintained by the Plenipotentiaries.

Congress sat for two hours on Monday, and the next sitting will take place to-morrow.

THE CONDITION OF THE EMPEROR WILLIAM.

The physicians in attendance on the Emperor William have issued a statement respecting His Majesty's present condition. The arms of the patient are described as helpless, and his recovery will be both painful and protracted.

THE ASSERTED MOVE OF THE RUSSIAN HEADQUARTERS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, JUNE 18.

The Russian Headquarters still remain at San Stefano; the report of their removal was caused by the movement of Russian troops in consequence of a false impression that the Turks were threatening an attack on the Russian positions.

THE EMPRESS OF RUSSIA.

ST. PETERSBURG, JUNE 18.

The Empress of Russia is recovering from her late illness.

REVIEW OF INDIAN CAVALRY AT MALTA.

MALTA, JUNE 18.

H. R. H. the Duke of Cambridge has held a special inspection of the Indian Cavalry here, and expressed himself highly gratified with their appearance.

THE LANCASHIRE STRIKE.

LONDON, JUNE 19.

The strike in Lancashire has ended, the operatives having accepted the masters' terms, viz. a 10 per cent. reduction.

THE VERNACULAR PRESS ACT.

Mr. Gladstone has presented the Poona petition against the Vernacular Press Act to Parliament, and notwithstanding the inaccuracies in drafting, the petition has been accepted.

THE AMERICAN COTTON CROP.

WASHINGTON, JUNE 18.

The Agricultural Bureau's monthly report states that the condition of the cotton crop has improved, and that the average of Cotton States is 99 per cent. The season is 10 days earlier, and there are few insects.

THE MAILS.

LONDON, JUNE 18.

The heavy Bombay Mails of 20th ult. arrived at Southampton to-day per P. & O. Steamer Venetia.

THE INCOMING MAIL.

ADEN, JUNE 19.

The s. s. Khiva, with the outward English Mails of the 7th instant, left here for Bombay at 11 a. m. this morning.

The s. s. Australia, for Galle and Calcutta, sailed at 1 p.m. to-day.

LONDON, JUNE 18.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats unchanged.

The London Cotton Market has been flat.

Fair Dhollera	5 1-16d.

The Manchester Market has been firm, but higher prices asked seriously checks business.

7 lbs. Shirtings	6
8½ lbs. do.	7-1½
40s Mule Twist	9-9½
Exchange on India, 60 days' sight..	1-8½
4 per cent. Rupee Paper	80½
4½ per cent. do.	80½
5½ per cent. do.	89½
3 per cent. Consols for Account	95½
5 per cent. French Rente, 1872	113½
Bar Silver	52½

Arrival.—Sicily.

STEAMER REPORTS.

MADRAS, JUNE 19, 10-52 A. M.

Following from Hongkong:—Manilla Mail from Amoy, to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon.

WEATHER REPORTS.—JUNE 19.

CANNANORE, 5-45 p.m.—Weather wet and squally; wind S. W.; thermometer, max 78, min. 73, W. B. 78; barometer 29-74. Fall of rain 4 inches 98 cents.

CANARA, 5 p.m.—Weather overcast; wind S.W. 6; thermometer 83 5; barometer 29-800. Fall of rain 1 inch 24 cents.

MANGALORE, 4 p. m.—Weather rainy; wind S.E., S.W. Fall of rain 2 inches 84 cents.

TUTICORIN, 2-40 p.m.—Weather fair; wind W.; thermometer 92; barometer 29-80.

VENGURLA, 5 p.m.—Weather clear; wind W. S. W. light; thermometer 90. Fall of rain 91 cents.

RATES OF EXCHANGE ON LONDON.

Bank Bills, on demand	1s. 8 13-32d.	per Rupee
Do. 6 months' sight	1s. 32d.	"
Credits, 3 " "	1s. 8¼ to 21-32d.	"
Documents, 3 " "	1s. 8 11-16d.	"

We regret to hear of the death, on Tuesday night, at Poona, of Lieut.-Colonel T. U. Turner, Examiner Pay Department. The immediate cause of death was aneurism of the heart. We also regret to announce the death at Deoli, on Friday last, of Captain Hamilton, of the 4th Bengal Cavalry. Captain Hamilton was Brigade Major at the Imperial Assemblage Camp, and has more recently been employed on famine relief duties in Khairas. The death is also reported on Saturday last, at Perambore, of Lieutenant Colonel Charles James Godfrey, officiating second in command 10th Regiment N. I.

The hearing of the Khoja Mohla murder case was continued before the Acting Presidency Magistrate at the Fort Police Court yesterday, when the prisoner Killoo Kuttoo was formally committed for trial at the Sessions. The hearing of the charge of abetment against the other prisoners was postponed till this morning, in order that the Crown Prosecutor might consult with the Advocate General as to the propriety of withdrawing it.

We have received a telegram from Deolalee reporting that the monsoon burst there on Tuesday evening, and that heavy rain, accompanied with thunder and lightning, fell yesterday.

There is a curious picture in the last number of the *Illustrated London News*. It is entitled the "Vinery of Maracuja, at Emboma." Several gentlemen are sitting in an avenue, and the grapes hanging above them are considerably larger than their heads. Emboma must be a fine place for grapes.

We hear, says the *Madras Times*, that the case to which allusion was recently made in these columns, and in which Captain Maclaverty, Superintendent in the Powder Factory, Madras, was said to be concerned, has been decided by the Commander-in-Chief against that officer, a defaulter's sheet put in by him against an artificer, which formed the *gravamen* of the case, having been ordered by His Excellency to be cancelled, and his proceedings in connection therewith declared irregular.

On Friday last, a savage assault was committed at Bareily on the person of Mr. W. Tyrrell, the Sessions Judge. A native attacked him with a *lattee* as he was returning from a lawn-tennis party in the afternoon. He succeeded in defending his head, and merely sustained some severe bruises about the body.

At Tinnevelly, on the morning of the 6th instant, about a quarter of an hour before the mail train started, a great flight of locusts made their appearance, apparently rising from the fields north-west of the railway station, and in a few minutes they covered the railway yard. The driver of the train was scarcely able to see the railway level crossing gate through the cloud of locusts. They were seen in dense crowds during the whole day, alighting on the fields, in all directions. About half past five in the evening they took their flight towards the east. They were from 3 to 4 inches in length.

We published the other day a true story of a proposition made to the Indian Government by a gentleman from Chelmsford as to how cobras might be extirpated. The idea may have come from the brain of a madman, but our contemporary the *Englishman* draws a moral from it:—"After all, however, the absurdity of his plan, and of the conceptions on which it is based, is more striking than that of most of the solutions proposed for Indian problems by people at home, only because the subject with which it deals is more concrete in its character. The scheme, for instance, of sending out armies of professors armed with Milton and Shakespeare for the purpose of driving out the old leaven of Orientalism from the Indian breast is in reality hardly less extravagant than that just described. The gentleman residing near Chelmsford thinks that the cobras will come out into the open to try conclusions with the knives, daggers, revolvers, and what not of his leather coated knights, and the Exeter Hall fanatics think, not very dissimilarly, that vices of thought and feeling which prolonged heredity has rendered organic, will come out of the fibre to submit themselves to the eliminatory action of draughts of foreign poetry or philosophy."

From the 1st proximo, a monthly illustrated magazine is to be published at Lahore under the title of *Indian Society*. The local paper says that "the illustrations are to be in the shape of wood engravings, and the editor asks for some forbearance from the critics at first, as the illustrations are from the hands of tyros in the art of wood engraving—an art which the editor very properly desires to see more cultivated in India. He has long thought it possible to procure for the intelligent youths of India some employment other than Government service, and 'moved by this idea, he has collected a small staff who show much intelligence and a love for art, and has taught them the rudiments of wood engraving, upon which they are daily improving.' The preface, a proof sheet of which we have seen, is a modest one, the price of the magazine is low, and though the adventure is a bold one in these days of literary mishaps, there is no reason why, if the promises held forth be carried out, the venture should not be a success."

The *Delhi Gazette* is responsible for the following strange story from a neighbouring station, of a colonel in command having used personal violence towards a station staff officer. If the story be true, the particulars are these:—"The colonel was enraged at the omission from the order-book of some order to which he attached importance. The 'Station Staff' denied that he had received any such order. The colonel in his anger used unparliamentary language: the station staff asked permission to retire. The colonel ordered the sword of the station staff: the station staff declined to surrender it. The colonel seized the station staff by the collar: the station staff lost sundry buttons and his helmet. The colonel tried to snatch away certain books: the station staff would not give them up. The colonel ordered a native orderly to arrest the station staff: the orderly did not obey. The station staff went home, and was placed under arrest. We hope the story as it reaches us is exaggerated. If not, a very pretty military scandal has cropped up, for which the weather must be, in some measure, held responsible. We have names and other particulars, which we think it advisable to suppress for the present."

The recent murder in the native town of Bombay has given an opportunity to Mr. Robert Knight to renew his hostility to Agha Khan, and almost to protest that His Highness should be any longer permitted to tread this earth. The following sketch of the Agha's eventful career, though tolerably well known, we quote from the *Statesman*: "The real name of the man is Hussain Hussanee, but he is known at Bombay by the appellation of Agha Khan, and declares himself to be the grandson of the Prophet Mahomet. He is a Persian refugee, and his presence in Bombay at all is a mere accident. Such of our Calcutta readers as have dealings with the turf, will probably be familiar with the person of the old man, in his tall, black sheep-skin hat, and loose green tunic. He is slightly lame, wears a thin, but black, glossy beard, and is perhaps the most assiduous frequenter of the Byculla race-course in the island. This old man is no other than His Highness Agha Khan, a Persian refugee nobleman, and now high priest of the Khojahs. In 1837 he was ruler of Kerman, and one of the most illustrious feudatory chiefs of Persia. The hand of the fairest daughter of the King of Persia (Fulleh Khan) had been bestowed upon him, but he got mixed up with our fortunes at the time of the Cabul war, and had to fly from Persia. He was present at Candahar with Nott's force, and compelled to become a wanderer, when we quitted Affghanistan. He found a temporary resting place in Sind under the Ameers, and became one of Sir Charles Napier's assistants in the spoliation of those princes. From Sind he went to Cutch, the headquarters of the Khojahs, and we presume was there installed as their spiritual chief. He arrived in Bombay in 1845, but was removed to this city, Calcutta, at the instance of the Shah of Persia, but was allowed, in 1848, to return to Bombay, on the ground of ill-health. From that time till now he has been the stubborn opponent of every movement for the enlightenment of the caste that worship him; Mr. Forjets had a curious interview with him in 1861, concerning which he narrates that 'the Agha then fixing his eyes upon me, said—There can be no comparison between any great man and myself. I am the descendant and incarnation of the Prophet.' Mr. Forjett was the Commissioner of Police, and declared the Agha's influence over his followers to be unbounded; that they looked 'upon him as an incarnation of the Prophet, and that he was quite capable of influencing them to deeds of blood.' What his pension is we do not know, or have forgotten, but from the state in which he lives, it is not likely to be very small."

The London *Sportsman* of the 29th May says—"A telegram has been received from the honorary secretary of the Parsee Club at Bombay, stating that the Government authorities persist in their refusal to grant leave to the three bowlers of the team, and hence the visit will be deferred until the season of 1879."

His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council is pleased to recognize the appointment of Monsieur Blanchard de Farges as Consul-General for France at Calcutta, and of Mr. F. Masotti as Consul for Belgium at Bombay.

The report of the famine relief operations in the province of Mysore, for the week ending the 8th inst., says that "showers continue to fall pretty generally and sowing operations are going on more or less actively in every district. In the Mysore, Hassan, and Kadur Districts, where the young crops are in places above ground, complaints are made of damage done by locusts. Reaping of the Vysakh paddy is not yet complete. The tendency of prices to rise, noticed last week, is again evident in the present returns, and till prices show improvement, pressure must be felt. The Famine Commissioner has made a short tour through the Tumkur District from which reports had during the latter part of May not been quite so favourable. He is of opinion that while there is no cause for fresh anxiety, it will be necessary to keep open Relief Works in the more distressed Taluks for at least three months. Prospects generally continue good. Imports of grain by rail amounted to 550 tons, or 624 tons less than in the week before. From Bangalore 460 tons, or 113 tons less than in the previous week, were exported to the interior. The number of persons on Civil Relief Works amounted to 7,310, shewing a decrease of 654, due to the completion of the transference of the Sira-Mysore Road to professional supervision. The full effect of this change will be seen in next week's figures. In addition to the 12,327 people on the ordinary works of the Province, the Public Works Department gave employment to 33,523 relief labourers, being a decrease of 1,234 compared with last week, largely owing to the exclusion of the Mysore water-supply project from the list of works conducted on relief principles. In the famine hospitals were 2,317 patients, or an increase of 101 in the number of sick. In receipt of the village grain-dole were 9,888 infirm and bed ridden persons, compared with 8,758 returned for the preceding week." The interim report, dated the 15th, says that prospects are good.

The *Times*, in a leading article, refers to the project of a protectorate of Asiatic Turkey in these terms:—It may, therefore, be expected that sooner or later there will be a distinct recognition of this necessity. Its urgency will be greatly aggravated by the changes which the war has rendered necessary. Though Russia will consent to leave Turkey with a footing in Europe, it will be a mere footing, and she will henceforth be almost entirely an Asiatic Power. Any further advance on the part of Russia would threaten the whole existing fabric of government and organization in Asiatic Turkey, and the danger thus becomes too imminent to be disregarded. Whenever an attempt is made to provide an effectual remedy for this weakness, the only resource will be found to be one of the nature we are now indicating. No influence can insure good administration in Turkey but that of a power whose authority in the East is generally recognized, and which is capable of asserting the claims of justice at any point where they may be disregarded. Russian authority for this purpose, whatever its intentions, would necessarily be imperfect. Its assertion would assume the form of incessant encroachment, and would thus involve continual disturbance and war. England alone, by virtue of her maritime power and her possessions in India, is in a position to exert this regulative authority over Turkish administration, while at the same time it is a matter of deep interest for her to avert anarchy in the East, and to obviate undue Russian aggrandizement. These are the conditions of the problem, and if they have been calmly and comprehensively considered the course dictated by them appears clear. We must be prepared to assist the Porte in the better administration of its remaining territories. If this is to be done, we may ask for a guarantee that Russia shall for the future be strictly confined within the limits which the Congress may assign to her in Asia, no less than in Europe. We desire nothing for ourselves, except it be, perhaps, a position which will the better enable us to exert the authority we are now indicating. All we claim is, that a final bar shall be placed to the disintegration of Turkey, and that, as a necessary consequence, there should be a directing influence at the Porte. Such plans are momentous and difficult; but some definite scheme of this nature offers, we believe, the only hope of a satisfactory solution of the Eastern Question.

The undermentioned ships were to assemble at Portland in the first week of June. Seven armour-plated ships—namely, Warrior, 32 guns, 705 officers and men; Hercules, 14 guns, 630 officers and men; Hector, 18 guns, 530 officers and men; Valiant, 18 guns, 530 officers and men; Resistance, 16 guns, 460 officers and men; Lord Warden, 18 guns, 605 officers and men; Penelope, 11 guns, 352 officers and men. Seven turret ships,—Thunderer, 4 guns, 359 officers and men; Prince Albert, 4 guns, 201 officers and men; Cyclops, 4 guns, 157 officers and men; Hydra, 4 guns, 156 officers and men; Hecate, 4 guns, 156 officers and men; Gorgon, 4 guns, 157 officers and men; and Glatton, 2 guns, 185 officers and men; the new fast corvette Boadicea, 16 guns, 363 officers and men; two torpedo vessels—Visuvius, 14 officers and men, and Lightning, 9 officers and men; the despatch vessel Lively, 2 guns, 79 officers and men, and four gunboats, 8 guns, 140 officers and men.

According to the latest information, the distribution of the Russian forces in Roumelia seems to be as follows:—First, on the line from San Stefano to the Sea of Marmora, the 1st and 2nd Divisions of Guards, the Rifle Brigade of the Guards, the 16th and 30th Divisions, the 2nd Brigade of Rifles, and seven regiments of Cavalry. Secondly, in the lines from Kutchuk Tchekmedje to Derkos there is the 3rd Division of the Guards, with the 8th, 15th, and 23rd Divisions. Thirdly, at Tchataldja there are the two divisions of Grenadiers lately brought back from the direction of Bulair, where there is at present only the 5th Division; but there are expected the 11th and 32nd Divisions belonging to the 14th Corps, which is on the move from Roumania southward, and will be replaced by the reserves from Russia. There is, besides, the 7th Division at Silivri, the 36th at Wisa, the 14th at Lule Burgas, the 9th at Kirk Killissa, and the 31st at Adrianople; the 36th has just now arrived. This would make 19 divisions of Infantry and 19 regiments of Cavalry, or about 150,000 effective men, which are concentrated in the Peninsula of Thrace.

The new 13-pounder field gun, just approved after a lengthened course of experiments, is to be manufactured for service with the field batteries of artillery. At present there are only a dozen ordered, sufficient for the supply of a couple of batteries, but this gun will doubtless supersede eventually the whole of the 9-pounders except, perhaps, the light field-piece of the Royal Horse Artillery. The gun, though remarkably long, weighs only 8 cwt., the same as the present 9-pounder, and the increase of power which enables it to throw a projectile of 13lb. instead of 9lb. has been chiefly gained by enlarging the powder-chamber and improving the quality of the powder. It is remarkable as being the first chambered gun introduced into the British Artillery for service, while with all the other Powers the system of chambering is still a new and almost untried system. The 13-pounder is, like the 9-pounder, a 3-in. muzzle-loader, with a polygroove rifling, and its projectile will be rotated by the gas-check. The 12 guns have been commenced at the Royal Gun Factories, in the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, and will be completed as early as possible, proved, and issued for service.

The *World*—The latest news from the Cape has made some sore hearts in England. No brighter, braver lad than Lieutenant Saltmarshe was ever beloved by friends and comrades, and Captain Stevens is not less popular. The former was killed almost immediately after Captain Stevens was severely wounded. The little party of our men was evidently surprised, and the Kaffirs, faithful to their tactics, marked down the commanders. General Thesiger and Colonel E. Wood have had some narrow escapes, and it is to be wished that the paucity of our forces did not necessitate such constant and reckless exposure of leaders whom it would be difficult to replace. Matters indeed do not look very promising. Private letters lead me to infer that this Cape war will be a bigger business than was at first supposed. There is reason to fear the disaffection is widespread, and that a general understanding exists among all the Kaffir tribes. General Thesiger has applied for additional assistance, and a number of special-service officers go out this week, all of good repute—two of them Guardsmen. Major Cecil Russell, of the 12th Lancers, one of the Prince of Wales's equerries, sails this week for the Cape of Good Hope. General Thesiger has sent for him specially to command the colonial cavalry and Kaffir scouts. The selection ought to prove highly judicious. Major Russell is an excellent soldier all round, and has worked steadily at his profession from the first. He was adjutant of the 10th Hussars in their palmiest days under Valentine Baker, and he went to Ashanti as aide-de-camp to Sir Archibald Alison. Since then his appointment at Court has not prevented his giving close attention to his military duties, and he has sound views on all the cavalry questions of the day. The Prince is much pleased, it is said, at the choice of one of his household for special service, and has gladly given Major Russell leave of absence. I hear Bushman of the 9th and Liddell of the 10th go out with him.

A *Daily News* telegram from Rome says—The first volume of "The Life of Victor Emmanuel," by Giuseppe Massari, just published, contains striking documentary proof that the master-stroke of policy by which Sardinia allied herself with England and France in the Crimea originated, not with Count Cavour, but with the King.

The Italian *Opinione* speaks of the arrival of the Indian troops in Europe as an innovation demanding the gravest and promptest attention of the Continental Powers. The Suez Canal, it says, is now used by Lord Beaconsfield for a purpose certainly never contemplated by its promoters, and disapproved by such members of his own party as Lord Derby. The Asiatic diseases these troops may import are the least of the dangers to be apprehended from their intrusion.

A Blue-book has been issued by the Foreign Office containing correspondence respecting the insurrections in Thessaly and Epirus. It contains 233 telegrams and despatches, extending from 7th February to 27th March and 4th May. On the 9th of April Lord Salisbury wrote to Mr. Wyndham, requesting him to assure the Greek Government that her Majesty's Government were prepared to exert all their influence to prevent the absorption into a Slav State of any Greek population; but to represent to them that a continuance of insurrectionary movements in the Greek provinces was the surest mode of bringing about such a calamity. The Greeks, his lordship added, would "best consult their own interests by remaining absolutely quiescent pending the decision of Europe." Consul Blunt had an interview with the insurgent chiefs on April 23, and they were anxious to get an assurance from England that if they laid down their arms their cause should not be injured. To this request Lord Salisbury replied on April 25 by telegraph, that "Mr. Blunt may be authorized to assure them that the Hellenic cause will not be injured by their acceding to the advice of her Majesty's Government, and that England will endeavour to secure a full and favourable hearing for Greece at the Congress." On the 26th of April Lord Salisbury, writing to Mr. Wyndham, says:—"I have to state to you that her Majesty's Government do not believe that the Hellenic cause will suffer in the estimation of the Congress by the retirement of the insurgent bands, but they will undertake to state explicitly in Congress that the pacification which they hope may be secured is due to their interposition, but for which the struggle would have continued. They cannot, however, pledge beforehand the decision at which the Powers assembled in Congress may arrive on any question of territorial adjustment."

Truth says:—"Les absents ont toujours tort," and this rule seems to hold good with regard to the Duke of Edinburgh. I object to these proverbial injustices, and therefore it may be well that the facts connected with the Duke's stay in the Mediterranean should be known. H.R.H. proceeded there in command of the Sultan, and after remaining some time at Malta he accompanied the fleet to Besika Bay. When anchored in the Bay, Prince Battenberg, a lad of nineteen, came on board the Sultan from the Russian army, to which he had been attached, to visit his brother, who was serving on board the Duke's ship. The visitor was civilly received, dined with the Admiral, and then departed. Immediately an outcry was raised, not in the fleet, but in high quarters at home. The Duke was accused of having revealed wondrous secrets respecting torpedoes to this lad, and he was at the same time twitted and charged with entertaining views respecting the Russians almost as heterodox as those professed by Liberal Members of Parliament. The story about the torpedoes was absolutely untrue, and whilst the Duke had a perfect right to his own political opinions in regard to a nation with which we are at peace, he had as a matter of fact carefully sought to reconcile his position as the son of one sovereign and the son-in-law of another. Without inquiry by the Admiralty, however, and without the shadow of a pretext, the Duke was treated as though he had been almost guilty of high treason, and he was, with all his officers and his crew, penally removed from the Sultan to the Black Prince. All this is, I say, most unfair. The Duke is an excellent officer. The assumption that because he is the son-in-law of the Emperor of Russia he would not do his duty as an English officer, is as cruel as it is gratuitous. In his quasi-disgrace he has the sympathy of his officers and his crew, who feel that he and they have been scurvily treated. In a very delicate position he has behaved like an officer and a gentleman. As regards the Duchess of Edinburgh, her position has been equally delicate, and that she has managed to become exceedingly popular both with the Fleet in the Mediterranean and with the inhabitants of Malta, speaks much in favour of her tact.

BOMBAY.

Evading the liquor licence.—Yesterday, Ally Essub, a sherbet shopkeeper on the Duncan Road, was charged, at the instance of Mr. Inspector Mahon, before Mr. Nana Morojee, with selling spirituous liquor without a license from the Commissioner of Police. He was adjudged guilty and fined Rs. 30.

Fraud.—Yesterday, at the Fort Police Court, a Mahomedan singing girl, named Sardarbanu, was fined Rs. 5 by Mr. Nana Morojee, on being adjudged guilty of defrauding the B. B. & C. I. R. Co., by continuing her journey to Colaba station in a railway carriage of that Company with a Surat to Bulsar ticket.

Gamblers.—Yesterday, at the Fort Police Court, Fook Sewnee and seven other Chinamen were charged before Mr. Nana Morojee, at the instance of Mr. Inspector Longdon, with being found gaming in a common gaming house on the Bycully Bazar Road. They were all adjudged guilty. Prisoner No. 1 was fined Rs. 100, and the rest Rs. 30 each.

Refractory seamen.—John Phlan and thirteen other European seamen, of the British ship Scottish Minstrel, were yesterday charged, at the Fort Police Court, before Mr. Nana Morojee, with wilful disobedience in refusing to do duty on board that ship, of which they are articled seamen. The case stands postponed for hearing to this day.

The monsoon, but no elephants.—The Bombay correspondent of the *Madras Athenæum* may be incited to do desperate things on reading the following paragraph as the dark imp has printed it:—"Rain fell in Bombay last night, and though the downpour is intermittent, and its commencement was ushered in by no elephants, a general impression seems to prevail that the monsoon is come."

Dacoity near Gwalior.—On the 11th inst. a decoity took place near Gwalior. A pay clerk, belonging to Sett Manockchund, the proprietor of the Agra line bullock train, was murderously assaulted by a band of dacoits about six miles from Gwalior, and robbed of Rs. 1,600 which he had in his possession for the payment of the establishment.—*Poona Observer*.

The recent terrible accident at Ahmednugger.—In consequence of the late fire at Ahmednugger in connection with the theatrical company there, and the number of deaths that followed in consequence, Government have issued instructions to all Municipalities to adopt precautionary measures in order to prevent a recurrence of so deplorable a catastrophe which, when arrived at and decided upon, will have to be submitted to Government.—*Id.*

SASSOON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The annual general meeting of members of the institute for the year 1877-78 was held on Tuesday evening last, when Mr. Selim Solomon presided; and there was a pretty good attendance of members.

Mr. Hurrichund Sadasheo, the secretary, read the annual report for 1877-78, from which it appears that the total number of volumes now in the library is 8,078. The lectures delivered during the session were—1. Dr. T. Cooke, Principal Poona Civil Engineering College, on "Useful Applications of Electricity." 2. Mr. A. C. Houston, Principal Diocesan High School, on "Music." The third lecture on "Heat," promised by Mr. Cowasjee D. Naigaumwalla, was, owing to the lateness of the season, postponed till the next session. Sir Richard Temple presided at the lecture delivered by Dr. Cooke; and His Excellency also paid a visit to the institute a few days previously and promised to assist in furthering the objects of the institute. The directors thanked His Excellency for the interest he had shown in the welfare of the institute. The financial position of the institute is satisfactory. At the suggestion of the secretary, Mr. Jamsetjee N. Petit, a life member, offered the institute a donation of Rs. 1,000 in the name of his grandfather, the late Mr. M. N. Petit, on condition that the interest on the amount be spent in purchasing books on art only. The directors have accepted the offer with their best thanks. The number of members up to 31st March 1878 gives a total of 347. In last year's annual report, a hope was expressed that some influential member would supply the want of a few seats in the garden for the recreation of members during the hot season. The directors are now glad to mention that this want has been supplied by Mr. Nanabhoy Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, a director, who kindly paid for four ornamental benches in the name of his father Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, Esq., C. S. I. After a trial of nearly nine months, the directors have resolved to keep the reading room open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. for the use of members. The directors furnished a separate ladies' reading room, and notice was given in the local papers to that effect, but as it was found after a trial of three months that it was very rarely used and was therefore an useless expense, the directors were obliged to give it up. The office-bearers for 1878-79 are as follows:—President—Mr. F. Mathew, Vice-Presidents—Messrs. S. S. Solomon, J. Macfarlane, and G. A. Barnett, Directors.—Messrs. H. Conder, R. G. Walton, W. Wells, L. G. Hynes, and Lieut. Brebner. Honorary Treasurer.—Mr. D. C. Gordon. Secretary.—Mr. H. Sadasheo.

Proposed by Mr. F. Cooper, seconded by Mr. M. J. Yeates, and resolved, that the report now read be adopted, and that it be printed and circulated amongst the members.

Proposed by Mr. W. Adams, seconded by Mr. Ourjel, and resolved, that the accounts of the past year be approved and passed.

Proposed by Mr. A. Hunter, and seconded by Mr. W. Mangan, and resolved, that the thanks of the members are due to the president, vice-president, directors, the secretary, and treasurer for the past year.

The Chairman said there were two or three questions which were mentioned in the circular, and which the directors had not thought proper to decide on their own responsibility. They would therefore take the sense of the meeting. He would make no remark, for the directors did not wish to give any opinion of their own, but would leave it to the members. The first question was whether the reading room ought to be kept open at night during the monsoon months, as it had been kept open during the past few months. The extra cost would be only Rs. 15 or Rs. 20; and the chairman might say that the directors were in favour of it.

Proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. Nanabhoy Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, that the reading room be kept open at night during the monsoon months from 15th June to 15th September.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Chairman said the next question was whether European soldiers should be allowed the benefit of the institute at a reduced rate of subscription. This question was brought some time ago before the directors by Mr. Cunningham; when it was considered that it was a question which ought to be put to the general meeting. A good deal had been said on both sides; and the best way was to put it to the meeting without loss of time.

A discussion ensued, in which it was elicited that the library was open to all on approval by the directors; and that no soldiers had ever asked for admission. It was remarked that, if they admitted soldiers, they would have to admit sailors as well. Soldiers had a good reading room of their own; and if permission was given them, they would simply use it as a pretext to come out and drink.

Mr. W. Wells was in favour of amending rule 7 and admitting European soldiers at four annas per mensem. Well conducted men could be admitted after their application had been submitted to the committee. If any soldier abused the privilege, he would soon find his liberty curtailed. It would come with peculiarly bad grace to refuse to admit soldiers. Our lives and liberties depended upon them; and Mr. Wells therefore proposed that European soldiers be eligible for admission as readers provided they be duly recommended by their respective commanding officers, at a reduced rate of subscription—namely, four annas per mensem.

Mr. Babajee Gopal seconded the proposition.

Lieut Brebner.—Before the resolution is put I would include sailors also.

Mr. Gooculdas Jugmohundas.—I propose that native soldiers be included as well.

Mr. Nanabhoy Byramjee.—The word European should be omitted.

Mr. Wells altered his proposition, which then ran to the effect that soldiers and sailors be eligible for admission, &c.

It was proposed as an amendment by Mr. S. A. Johnson, and seconded by Mr. A. Hunter, that soldiers and sailors be not admitted to the reading room at a reduced subscription.

Mr. Cooper.—The reading room is not enough for the members.

On a division, the amendment was lost by one vote; and Mr. Wells's proposition was carried.

The Chairman said the next question was whether the Institute should be closed on Christmas Day and Good Friday. The librarians did get a holiday occasionally by turns.

After some discussion, it was proposed by Mr. F. Cooper, and seconded by Mr. W. Adams, that the institute be closed on Christmas Day and Good Friday.

Proposed as an amendment by Mr. M. M. Bowungree, and seconded by Mr. Gooculdas Jugmohundas, that the committee be asked to allow the librarian and his assistant at least six days in the year on the principal holidays, making at the same time some arrangement to keep the reading room only open as usual on the days selected.

On a division, Mr. Cooper's proposition was carried by a majority.

The Chairman said the next business was in connection with the prizes awarded by the directors for the essays and a design. Of these the first prize of a silver medal and a money premium was awarded to Mr. W. Adams; but considering Mr. Adams's position, the directors resolved to give him a gold medal instead. (Applause.) The medals were not ready, and a card would be given to each of the prizemen; and the medals would be sent them when ready. The second prize of a silver medal and a premium of Rs. 150 was awarded to Mr. P. R. Colah; and the third, being a similar prize, was awarded to Mr. Dorabjee Bhikhajee Rabadina.

Cards were handed by the Chairman to each of the three abovementioned gentlemen; and the proceedings closed at a late hour with a vote of thanks to the chairman for his able conduct in the chair.

THE BOMBAY TOWN COUNCIL.

The weekly meeting of the Bombay Town Council was held on Tuesday afternoon in the Municipal offices. Dr. Blaney presided, and the other members present were—Sir F. Souter, Kt., C.S.I., Lt. Col. Hancock, Mr. Kirkham, Mr. Rugoonath Narayen Khote, Mr. Nanabhoy Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, Mr. Fazulbhoy Cassumbhoy Gangjee, and Mr. Nowrojee Furdoonjee. The Municipal Commissioner (Mr. Grant) and the Health Officer (Dr. Weir) were also present.

TULSI WATER WORKS.

The following letter was read from the Municipal Commissioner, on the subject of the estimated and actual expenditure on the Tulsi Water Works:—

To the Secretary, Town Council.

Sir,—With reference to the Resolution of the Town Council dated the 7th ultimo, I have the honour to forward herewith a statement showing the amount sanctioned for the works now in progress in connection with the Tulsi Water Supply, and also the total estimated expenditure, based on the Executive Engineer's revised estimates and the actuals up to date. From this statement it will be seen that the total amount originally sanctioned for the works in question was Rs. 36,00,000, and that the estimated expenditure calculated as above will amount to Rs. 38,14,547 including Rs. 1,54,000 for the purchase of Government land for the Malabar Hill Reservoir, and Rs. 1,00,000 for an iron roof for the Reservoir. The estimate will thus amount to Rs. 2,14,547, but if it is decided to construct a masonry roof in place of an iron roof, a further sum will be required in excess of about Rs. 50,000. The Council will remember that the two items which make up the excess were not included in the original estimates and without them there would be no excess, for the large savings in exchange would more than cover the whole of the excesses and other items. The saving of Rs. 1,00,000 on contingencies as shown in the statement has been absorbed by excesses on account of compensation for private land laying service mains, &c.—I have, &c.

J. H. Grant,
Bombay, June 13, 1878. Municipal Commissioner.

The letter was ordered to be recorded.

THE MUNICIPAL LOANS.

A memorandum was submitted by the Commissioner, forwarding copy of Government Resolution, No. 1,780 of 1878, General Department, forwarding letter from the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, stating that the Viceroy cannot admit any doubt as to the correct principle to be adopted in calculating the payments on account of the 2nd fifteen lakhs loan of 1872 and of the Toolsee four lakhs loan (to be consolidated with the new Municipal loan of 43 lakhs), and that the Accountant General's method of calculation must be followed.

Mr. Nowrojee Furdoonjee said he understood the Government method was to calculate compound monthly interest. That was a worse exaction than the Marwarees were accustomed to make.

The Chairman said that some years ago there was a great discussion on this point of the calculation of interest, in which nearly all the Professors of the Education Department took part.

Mr. Kirkham remembered the discussion which the Chairman had referred to, and that all the gentlemen in his department who were adepts in mathematics were unanimously of opinion that the Government of India's method of calculation was fundamentally wrong, and that they were unjust to the Bombay Municipality. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Rugoonath Khote thought the Municipality had a strong case, and that an appeal should be made to the Secretary of State, when certainly justice would be done them.

The Commissioner said he had not received a final answer yet from the Government of India to the Council's latest representation.

Mr. Nowrojee Furdoonjee—Then, will you expedite that? The question can be brought on again when we receive that reply.

The matter then dropped.

THE FAKIR IN THE VICTORIA GARDENS.

It was resolved that the opinion of counsel should be taken as to the legal rights of the successors of the fakir, recently deceased, who was for a long time a thorn in the side of the Municipal Executive as the occupant of a mosque and keeper of a tomb in a corner of the Victoria Gardens.

THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr. Kirkham wished to say a few words with reference to the proceedings on the Municipal Commissioner's Report at the last meeting, which he had read with a good deal of interest. He had on previous occasions drawn attention to what he considered the fallacious nature of the percentages of mortality reported to the Council by the Health Officer from time to time, and which had recently attracted great attention,—so much so that he had seen in the Calcutta papers that Bombay was now pronounced to be the most healthy city not only in India but in the world. The statistics which the Chairman had supplied the Council with at the last meeting were going all over India, and people everywhere were believing that the normal death-rate in Bombay was 40, 50, or even 60 in a thousand per annum. Now, those proportions were calculated on the population of Bombay as ascertained by the census of 1872, roughly speaking, 650,000; but even at that time there was a general feeling that the population was underestimated, and he thought there was evidence to be found in the various departments of the Municipality that the population was now, at any rate, very much larger than 650,000. Without taking a census, which the Council had already determined not to do, he believed that evidence could be obtained from the various Municipal departments, which would enable the Commissioner to make an approximate estimate of the present population of Bombay, so that the mortality returns might be corrected and brought down to something near the truth. He would simply refer to one statistic which he found on page 169 of the Health Officer's Report. In 1872, the collection of night-soil amounted to 153 tons a day, and in 1877 it was 207 tons. A simple proportion sum would show that if the population of Bombay was 650,000 in 1872, it must now be 879,000. He believed that 800,000 was nearer the present population of Bombay than 650,000. Therefore, although the death-rate had certainly been high, and he cordially approved of the action of the Council in establishing a temporary hospital, he did not think that mortality in Bombay had ever approached the tremendous proportions cited at the last meeting. He would suggest to the Commissioner to take this matter into consideration, and see whether some investigation, short of a census, could not be made in order to modify the estimate of population on which the mortality calculations were at present based.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Rugoonath Narayen Khote, the following resolution was adopted:—

"In submitting the annual report of the Municipal Commissioner for the year 1877 to the Corporation, the Town Council regret to record the occurrence of an almost if not quite unprecedented mortality of 52 per 1,000 of the population in the course of last year.

The Council are of opinion that additional temporary hospital accommodation should be immediately prov

hey had been defeated at the general election upon the question of a modification of commercial legislation in the direction of freer trade, but the amendment to the Address which was moved by the Opposition did not directly raise that issue. In that fact was an indication, which Lord Beaconsfield at least understood, that Sir Robert Peel was not a candidate for power as a minister pledged to Protection. Whoever else may have been deceived, he was not. In the speech which he made on the motion of want of confidence, Lord Beaconsfield took pains to point out that Sir Robert Peel was not pledged to Protection, and moreover that it was not an article of the Tory creed. The election, he said, did not turn on the question of the import duties and of the commercial reforms proposed by the Whigs, but on their incapacity for affairs and their inability to carry out their own policy. The progress of commercial reform had been stopped by the Reform Act. In other words, the principles of Huskisson, of whom Peel had been the colleague, and was, in a certain sense, the successor, had failed to receive their proper development through the accession of the Whigs to power. In the debate on Sir Robert Peel's financial scheme of 1842, a scheme which practically, though timidly, applied the doctrines of free-trade, and which was introduced by the Prime Minister in a speech which stated and defended them theoretically, Lord Beaconsfield again vindicated both the measures and the doctrines of his chief. He repeated his statement that the Tories were the true and original free traders. Mr. Pitt, in 1787, first promulgated free-trade principles, which were opposed by Fox, Sheridan, and Burke, which Lord Hawkesbury, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Wallace developed, but which Mr. Huskisson received from them, and which Sir Robert Peel had taken up from him. The Tories passed from hand to hand the torch of sound economic doctrine which the Whigs strove to blow out. Sir Robert Peel was, in this respect, by a legitimate affiliation through the statesmen just named, the lineal descendant and true representative of Mr. Pitt. Afterwards, when the opportunity arose of heading the revolt against Sir Robert Peel on pretext of which Lord Beaconsfield himself had years before been the forerunner, he discovered that the true Free-Trader was the judicious protectionist; and he invented a phrase to cover this ingenious combination. The phrase was "regulated competition." Mr. Pitt, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Huskisson and the rest, were "regulated competitors." Competition is regulated when in a race you leave one runner free and tie the legs of the others. The barren question whether free-trade owes most to Tories or to Whigs is only part, however, of a larger discussion, of which Lord Beaconsfield has always been fond, and on which we have already spoken at some length. He has from time to time contended that the Tories and not the Whigs are the true reformers. His case consists in a reference to the name of Mr. Pitt, who was the author of a project of household suffrage, and to those of Lord Shelburne and even Lord Chatham. These statesmen, as we have shown, were neither orthodox Whigs, still less genuine Tories. They were in their characteristic opinions, Reformers, who constituted in the eighteenth century the Liberal doctrine of the nineteenth century.

It is clear from what has preceded that Lord Beaconsfield understood perfectly this issue which was raised before the country in the general election of 1841, the principles of commercial policy on which Sir Robert Peel's Government was formed, and the character of its first measures of which the Repeal of the Corn Laws was the natural and inevitable development. In that Government, as all the world knows, he was not included. In one of the speeches which he made,—in that saturnalia of personal vilification in which the emancipated slave exceeded the extremest licence of his order,—Sir Robert Peel referred to the fact that at one time Mr. Disraeli had given practical signs of his confidence in him by his expressed willingness to take office. Overtures, it is believed, were made which were not prosecuted, and the discontinuance of which was not perhaps explained with sufficient courtesy to the expectant minister, and has not been explained to the public. When the memoirs and correspondence of Sir Robert Peel are published, a disclosure, it is believed, will take place which will furnish a fresh illustration of, if it does not throw new light on the characters of the two eminent men concerned. It is curious to reflect on what might have been Mr. Disraeli's career, had he taken the subordinate office under the new Conservative Government, which was dangled before his longing eyes only to be withdrawn from his grasp. It would possibly have been more respectable—it is not likely to have been so distinguished. Mr. Disraeli was scarcely the man to work his way up by parliamentary docility and administrative industry and success, through an ascending scale of more and more important parts, to a high place in the Cabinet. He is a man of surprises and seizures, likely either to gain everything by a bound, or to fall back bruised, and broken, and empty handed. It might have been left to him, if Sir Robert Peel had been kinder, to illustrate, after the manner of the late Mr. Wilson Croker, that union of action and contemplation, of literature and affairs, of which Caius Julius, Frederick the Great, "both eminently literary characters," Mr. Burke, and Lord John Russell were signal instances, and to have furnished another Rigby to the cracking pen of some succeeding satirist. Fortune was better disposed to Mr. Disraeli than she seemed to be, and the under-secretary *manqué* was the material out of which the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Prime Minister and the successor of Sir Robert Peel in the leadership of the Conservative party was framed.

The success of Sir Robert Peel's second administration was a disproof of the sorrowful foreboding with which the Duke of Wellington had beheld the accession of a female sovereign. The Duke of Wellington mournfully contrasted his own superficial graces and accomplishments and those of Sir Robert Peel with the fascinations of the adorable Melbourne. "There is no chance of a Conservative Government," he is reported to have said; "I have no small talk, and Peel has no manners." Happily, small talk and manners are not the conditions of office under a parliamentary system, even though it be constitutional monarchy with a female sovereign on the throne. It is creditable to the Queen that so minister ever won her confidence and personal friendship so completely as Sir Robert Peel, unless, upon evidence happily as yet inconclusive, we are to make an exception of Lord Beaconsfield himself. Lord Beaconsfield is fond of dwelling upon Sir Robert Peel's defects of manner, his constrain and awkwardness, and his incapacity of making an after-dinner speech without "saying something stilted and even a little ridiculous," though he parts from the contemplation of these faults in a great parliamentary statesman with a pious valediction, a "peace be to his ashes." It was one of Sir Robert Peel's inconsistencies that the man who consented to take office at the personal dictation of William IV., under conditions as unconstitutional as those which have made the 16th of May a memorable date in French history, should have resisted with spirit and firmness the ill-advised attempt of the Queen or rather of her Whig advisers, to force the ladies of the great Whig men as bedchamber women upon a Conservative Government. It was impossible to find Mr. Disraeli approving Sir Robert Peel's conduct in 1834, for he approved everything Sir Robert Peel did; and, moreover, it was in harmony with the lessons he himself had learned and taught out of Bolingbroke. In the Runnymede letters he praises Sir Robert Peel for having accepted the premiership in 1834, and having kept it until 1835, in spite of a hostile parliamentary majority. "You retained your post," he adds, "until you found you were endangering the King's prerogative, to support which you had alone accepted his Majesty's confidence." In his speech upon the motion of want of confidence in Lord Melbourne's Government, in 1841, he denounced in the strongest language the use of the sovereign's name, the attempt to make "the majesty of England a second candidate upon some paltry poll," and the presumed intention of the Whig ministry to defy the House of Commons, and, in spite of a hostile vote, to declare that the Government, in being supported by the Crown, had the best support a minister could have. This is sound constitutional doctrine. It has often been asserted against Lord Beaconsfield himself, notably by Mr. Bright in 1867. But Lord Beaconsfield never expresses sound constitutional principles, except when the Whigs have been betrayed into unsound constitutional practices, or are suspected of it.

Mr. Disraeli's parliamentary career from 1841 to 1846 follows like a shadow of the history of Sir Robert Peel's administration. But the shade is at last seen to be thrown by a substance. The time he was the *umbra* of the prime minister. Soon the fervent blessings of the mendicant are exchanged for doubtful and angry looks, and afterwards for threats and imprecations. Yet Sir Robert Peel simply followed the course which Mr. Disraeli had approvingly predicted, and which he had described as the triumph of consummate statesmanship. In a very early speech he lays down doctrines of political casuistry, which would cover acts far more questionable than any which, on the least favourable reading of his motives and conduct, can be attributed to Sir Robert Peel, and which would even shelter Lord Beaconsfield's own career from moral censure. "A statesman," he said, "is the creature of his age, the child of circumstances, the creation of his times. A statesman is essentially a practical character; and when he is called upon to take office, he is not to inquire to what his opinions might or might not have been upon this or upon that subject, he is only to ascertain the needful, the beneficial, and the most feasible manner in which affairs are to be carried on. The fact is that the conduct and opinions of public men must not be too curiously contrasted in a free and aspiring country. The people have their passions, and it is even the duty of public men occasionally to adapt sentiments with which they do not sympathise. . . . . I laugh, therefore, at the objections against a man that at a former period of his career he advocated a policy different to his present one; all I seek to ascertain is whether his present policy is a necessary expedient; whether he is at the present moment prepared to serve his country according to its present necessities."

The moral principles on which Lord Beaconsfield was prepared to censure Sir Robert Peel are not clearly decipherable from this pessage, which he might publish as the text of a political *Apologia pro vita sua*. But the contemplation of Sir Robert Peel's actual career in the House of Commons from Mr. Disraeli's impartial position outside the administration, recalled this somewhat lax moralist to a severer political virtue. Growing, but not yet decided, disapproval is indicated in the tone of his comments. The perturbation of the country gentlemen among whom he sat, at the economic tendencies of the minister, communicated themselves to Lord Beaconsfield, on whom the idea soon dawned that competition ought to be more and more "regulated," in its application to articles which country gentlemen were concerned in producing. These workings of an uneasy mind were accompanied by the stirrings of an awakened conscience: and Lord Beaconsfield grew more and more sensible of the political immorality of Sir Robert Peel's conduct. Instead of having inherited free trade principles by legitimate Conservative descent from Pitt, through Lord Hawkesbury, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Huskisson, Sir Robert Peel was found to have purloined them from the Whigs, who had hitherto figured in Mr. Disraeli's speeches as the great antagonists of free-trade, but were now discovered to be its real founders. Sir Robert Peel was charged with having stolen their clothes while they were bathing, with being a great middleman, and, politically, a vast appropriation clause. If free-trade was to be established, Lord Beaconsfield, honestly, would prefer to owe it to